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Council of Church Boards of Education an increased attendance over last year. Very few of these institutions report an increase of less than ten per cent and quite a number report an increase of from 50 per cent to 100 per cent. Seven institutions have reported that their attendance this fall was about the same as last year and one reports no new students. Three, two of them Canadian institutions, say that they have not yet recovered entirely from their losses of 1914.

THE PROPOSED SEMINARY SURVEY

The Committee on Social and Religious Surveys has authorized a careful study of the theological seminaries and religious training schools of the United States and Canada and has invited Dr. Kelly to become the Director and Dr. Foster the Associate Director of this study.

The Committee on Social and Religious Surveys was formed shortly after the Interchurch World Movement had discontinued its activities at the request of a group of business men who had been deeply interested in the Interchurch World Movement and who considered it of the utmost importance to salvage some of the most valuable parts of the vast mass of material gathered in connection with the surveys made by that organization. The present survey is the seventh to be undertaken by this Committee.

The general principles to be followed in the survey as stated by the Executive Secretary of the Committee, Rev. Charles R. Watson, D.D., are:

(1) Ascertain facts rather than opinion or surmise and follow the facts to their legitimate conclusions.

(2) Make efficiency the touchstone, that is, gather the facts and interpret them in such a way as to give a firm basis for improving the training institutions and for strengthening the appeal of all forms of Christian ministry.

(3) Take a sympathetic and co-operative attitude towards the training institutions and place the results of the survey at their disposal.

An Advisory Committee is being organized whose function it is to counsel with the surveyors, to criticize the results and to assist in making effective contacts with the various training in-

stitutions. The full membership of the Advisory Committee has not yet been determined but acceptances have already been received from the following persons:

The Right Reverend Charles H. Brent, D.D., Chairman, Bishop of Western New York, Buffalo.

Pres. Robert J. Aley, LL.D., Butler College, Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. Charles R. Brown, LL.D., Dean, the Divinity School, Yale University.

Dr. Wallace Buttrick, General Education Board, New York.

Prof. John M. Coulter, Ph.D., The Botanical Gazette, University of Chicago.

Pres. L. L. Doggett, Ph.D., International Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass.

Prin. Daniel J. Fraser, The Presbyterian College, Montreal, Canada.

Pres. Frank P. Graves, LL.D., New York Board of Regents, Albany.

Prof. Kenneth S. Latourette, Ph.D., Yale University.

President W. Douglas Mackenzie, D.D., LL.D., Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.

Bishop Thomas Nicholson, D.D., LL.D., Chicago, Ill.

President George W. Richards, D.D., Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the U. S., Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. G. Johnston-Ross, D.D., Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

Pres. J. Ross Stevenson, D.D., Princeton Theological Seminary.

Pres. W. O. Thompson, LL.D., Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

At a recent preliminary meeting of the Advisory Committee at which Dr. Kelly outlined in detail the plan of the survey the following resolution was unanimously passed by those present:

The Purpose and Spirit of the Survey: The Advisory Committee on the Survey of American and Canadian Theological Seminaries and Religious Training Schools which has been appointed by the Committee on Social and Religious Surveys adopts the following resolutions touching the purpose, scope and spirit of the Survey:

(1) That the data already gathered be used as the basis for the preparation of a report on the whole subject of Theological Seminaries and Training Schools;

(2) That earnest efforts be made to obtain as complete information as possible regarding all institutions not already heard from which are preparing men and women for the various forms of Christian ministry;

(3) That where necessary or advisable in order to secure complete knowledge of particular institutions, personal visits be made to the institutions concerned.

(4) That careful consideration be given to a study of the Bible institutes and training schools of various names as to their origin, standards, products and general relation to the future welfare of the churches and their ministers.

(5) That the aim of the whole work of the Committee be to study, assimilate and publish the facts surveyed in so far as will contribute to the following results:

a. To inform the churches of the whole facts regarding the present supply and training of Christian workers.

b. To arouse interest in this vital aspect of the life and work of the churches among all Christian leaders, both ministers and laymen.

c. To encourage those who are engaged as teachers, directors, and supporters of the work of the seminaries and other training schools in the carrying out of their great task.

d. By these means to make a contribution towards increasing the number and quality of ministers and other Christian workers.

The revised, greatly simplified and abbreviated schedules will soon be ready for use; much other preliminary work has already been accomplished and many seminaries and training schools have expressed their hearty interest and desire to render all possible co-operation in bringing the work to an effective conclusion.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

The Department of Religious Education of the Protestant Episcopal Church has issued a carefully prepared set of blanks for the evaluation of each student available for church work.